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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2002 for the above-identified application.

The Examiner has required restriction between the claims in Group I (claims 1-13), the claims in Group II (claims 14-22), the claims in Group III (claims 23-29) and the claims in Group IV (claims 30-36). Applicants elect for prosecution in this application the claims in Group II (claims 14-22).

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